



YUKON RIVER NEWS RELEASE



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SUBDISTRICT 4-A and KOYUKUK RIVER SUBSISTENCE FISHING SCHEDULE

Subsistence fishing for all species is open seven days a week until the subsistence salmon fishing schedule goes into effect on June 11.

Subdistrict 4-A: The subsistence salmon fishing schedule for Subdistrict 4-A, which includes the mainstem Yukon River villages of Anvik, Grayling, Kaltag, Nulato, and Koyukuk will begin at **6:00 pm Sunday, June 11** and consists of two 48-hour periods each week from 6:00 pm Sundays until 6:00 pm Tuesdays and from 6:00 pm Wednesdays until 6:00 pm Fridays. In addition, by regulation, fishermen in Subdistrict 4-A (from $\frac{3}{4}$ miles downstream of Old Paradise Village upstream to Cone Point) may use drift gillnets to take **king salmon** on the mainstem of the Yukon River from **June 10 through July 14** during the two 48-hour weekly subsistence salmon periods.

Koyukuk River: Subsistence salmon fishing is open 7 days a week.

All subsistence fishing for salmon must be stopped during subsistence salmon fishing closures. Subsistence fishing for non-salmon species, such as whitefish, sheefish, and pike, remains open 7 days per week throughout the drainage. Gillnets used for harvesting non-salmon species during salmon fishing closures are restricted to a maximum length of 60 feet and a maximum mesh size of 4-inches. During closed subsistence salmon fishing periods, fish wheels may not be operated.

For recorded fishery announcements and updates call 949-1731, 24 hours a day. For a recording of the current fishing schedule for your area call 1-866-479-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Emmonak office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at 949-1320 or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service office at 949-1798. This has been a report by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.